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Re: United States v. Jennifer Pavao
Criminal No. 04-10098-WGY

Dear Mr. Andrews:

This letter sets forth the Agreement between the United States Attorney for the District of Massachusetts ("the U.S. Attorney") and your client, Jennifer Pavao ("Defendant"), in the above-captioned case. The Agreement is as follows:

1. Change of Plea

At the earliest practicable date but in no event later than April 29, 2005, Defendant shall plead guilty to all counts in which she is named in the above-captioned Superseding Indictment dated April 21, 2005. Defendant expressly and unequivocally admits that she in fact knowingly, intentionally and willfully committed the crimes charged in count one of the Superseding Indictment, and is in fact guilty of those offenses.

2. Penalties

Defendant faces the following minimum mandatory and maximum penalties: a minimum mandatory sentence of 10 years' imprisonment, and a maximum term of life, a fine in the amount of \$4,000,000, a period of supervised release of at least 5 years and a maximum of life, a \$100 special assessment.

3. Sentencing Guidelines

The sentence to be imposed upon Defendant is within the discretion of the sentencing Court, subject to the statutory maximum and mandatory minimum penalties set forth above, and the provisions of the Sentencing Reform Act and the United States Sentencing Guidelines promulgated thereunder, as modified by United States v. Booker and United States v. Fanfan, 125 S.Ct. 738, 2005 WL 50108 (January 12, 2005). In imposing the sentence, the Court must consult and take into account the United States Sentencing Guidelines, along with the other factors set forth in 18 U.S.C. §3553(a).

The parties agree that the 2003 edition of the Sentencing Guidelines applies. The parties will take the following positions at sentencing with respect to the application of the United States Sentencing Guidelines:

- (a) The government takes the position that, if Defendant is not entitled to a minor role adjustment, she has a base offense level of 38, due to her conspiring to distribute over 1.5 kilograms of cocaine base, otherwise known as "crack," pursuant to § 2D1.1(1) of the Sentencing Guidelines. Defendant takes the position that if she is not entitled to a minor role adjustment, she has a base offense level of 32, and admits that she conspired to distribute between 50 and 150 grams of crack cocaine.
- (b) Defendant takes the position that she is entitled to a four level minimal role reduction of her base offense level, pursuant to U.S.S.G. § 3B1.2(a). The government disputes that Defendant is entitled to a four level reduction, but agrees that she is entitled to a two level minor role reduction of her base offense level, pursuant to U.S.S.G. § 3B1.2(b).
- (c) If the Court determines that the Defendant is entitled to a role reduction pursuant to U.S.S.G. §3B1.2(a) or (b), then Defendant's base offense level is 30 pursuant to §2D1.1(a)(3).
- (d) Based on Defendant's prompt acceptance of personal responsibility for the offense of conviction in this case, and information known to the U.S. Attorney at this time, the U.S. Attorney agrees to

recommend that the Court reduce by three levels Defendant's Adjusted Offense Level under U.S.S.G. § 3E1.1.

The U.S. Attorney specifically reserves the right not to recommend a reduction under U.S.S.G. § 3E1.1 if, at any time between his execution of this Agreement and sentencing Defendant:

- (a) Fails to admit a complete factual basis for the plea;
- (b) Fails to truthfully admit her conduct in the offenses of conviction;
- (c) Falsely denies, or frivolously contests, relevant conduct for which Defendant is accountable under U.S.S.G. § 1B1.3;
- (d) Fails to provide truthful information about her financial status;
- (e) Gives false or misleading testimony in any proceeding relating to the criminal conduct charged in this case and any relevant conduct for which Defendant is accountable under U.S.S.G. § 1B1.3;
- (f) Engages in acts which form a basis for finding that Defendant has obstructed or impeded the administration of justice under U.S.S.G. § 3C1.1;
- (g) Intentionally fails to appear in Court or violates any condition of release;
- (h) Commits a crime;
- (i) Transfers any asset protected under any provision of this Agreement; and/or
- (j) Attempts to withdraw her guilty plea.

Defendant expressly understands that she may not withdraw her plea of guilty if, for any of the reasons listed above, the U.S. Attorney does not recommend that she receive a reduction in Offense Level for acceptance of responsibility.

Defendant expressly understands that, in addition to declining to recommend an acceptance-of-responsibility adjustment, the Government may seek an upward adjustment pursuant to U.S.S.G. § 3C1.1 if Defendant obstructs justice after date of this Agreement.

In the event that either the U.S. Attorney or Defendant intend to seek a departure from the Guidelines, that person will file a motion for departure with any supporting memorandum not less than fourteen days before sentencing. Any basis with respect to which a motion for departure, and any supporting memorandum, has not been filed at least fourteen days before sentencing is hereby expressly waived and cannot be argued at the time of sentencing, with the exception of any motion that may be filed under USSG §5K1.1 and/or 18 U.S.C. §3553(e), which may be filed at any time.

4. Sentence Recommendation

The U.S. Attorney reserves until the time of sentencing the right to make a sentencing recommendation, or to make no recommendation.

Defendant agrees that she will provide to the U.S. Attorney expert reports, motions, memoranda of law and documentation of any kind on which she intends to rely at sentencing not later than twenty-one days before sentencing. Any basis for sentencing with respect to which all expert reports, motions, memoranda of law and documentation have not been provided to the U.S. Attorney at least twenty-one days before sentencing shall be deemed waived.

In the event of an appeal from, or collateral challenge to, Defendant's sentence, the U.S. Attorney reserves his right to argue the correctness of Defendant's sentence and the manner in which the District Court determines it.

5. Payment of Mandatory Special Assessment

Defendant agrees to pay the mandatory special assessment to the Clerk of the Court on or before the date of sentencing, unless Defendant establishes to the satisfaction of the Court that Defendant is financially unable to do so.

6. Waiver of Rights to Appeal and to Bring Collateral Challenge

Defendant is aware that she has the right to challenge her sentence and guilty plea on direct appeal. Defendant is also aware that she may, in some circumstances, be able to argue that her plea should be set aside, or her sentence set aside or reduced, in a collateral challenge (such as pursuant to a motion under 28 U.S.C. § 2255).

In consideration of the concessions made by the U.S. Attorney in this Agreement, Defendant knowingly and voluntarily waives her right to appeal or collaterally challenge:

- (1) Defendant's guilty plea and any other aspect of Defendant's conviction, including, but not limited to, any rulings on pretrial suppression motions or any other pretrial dispositions of motions and issues; and
- (2) The imposition by the District Court of a sentence which does not exceed that being recommended by the U.S. Attorney pursuant to this agreement.

Defendant's waiver of rights to appeal and to bring collateral challenges shall not apply to appeals or challenges based on new legal principles in First Circuit or Supreme Court cases decided after the date of this Agreement which are held by the First Circuit or Supreme Court to have retroactive effect.

Defendant's waiver also shall not extend to an appeal or collateral challenge based solely on the argument that the District Court misunderstood the scope of its authority to depart from the applicable Sentencing Guidelines range, where the District Court states on the record at sentencing both its desire to depart and the basis on which it would depart if it had the legal authority to do so.

This Agreement does not affect the rights or obligations of the United States as set forth in 18 U.S.C. § 3742(b), and the U.S. Attorney therefore retains his appeal rights.

7. Cooperation

a. Terms of Cooperation

Defendant agrees to cooperate fully with law enforcement agents and government attorneys. She must provide complete and

truthful information to all law enforcement personnel. If her testimony is requested, she must testify truthfully and completely before any grand jury, and at any hearing and trial. Defendant must answer all questions put to her by any law enforcement agents or government attorneys and must not withhold any information. She must not attempt to protect any person or entity through false information or omission, or to implicate falsely any person or entity. Upon request, she must furnish all documents, objects and other evidence in her possession, custody or control that are relevant to the government's inquiries.

Defendant understands that she has a right to have counsel present when communicating with representatives of the government concerning the criminal conduct with which she has been charged. To facilitate her cooperation, Defendant hereby knowingly and voluntarily waives this right with respect to all debriefings by law enforcement agents and government attorneys and all appearances to testify. This waiver may be revoked at any time by a specific request by Defendant or her counsel without otherwise affecting the terms or enforceability of this Agreement.

To enable the Court to have the benefit of all relevant sentencing information, Defendant waives any rights she may have to prompt sentencing and will join in any requests by the U.S. Attorney that sentencing be postponed until Defendant's cooperation is complete. Defendant understands that the date of Defendant's sentencing is within the sole discretion of the Court and that this Agreement may require Defendant's cooperation to continue even after Defendant has been sentenced. Defendant's failure to continue to cooperate pursuant to the terms of this Agreement after sentence is imposed shall constitute a breach of this Agreement by Defendant.

b. Substantial Assistance Motion

In the event that Defendant provides substantial assistance in the investigation or prosecution of another person who has committed a criminal offense, the U.S. Attorney agrees that, at or before the time of sentencing, the U.S. Attorney will make a motion under U.S.S.G. § 5K1.1 and 18 U.S.C. § 3553(e) so that the sentencing court may impose a sentence below that which otherwise would be required under the relevant statutes.

The determination whether Defendant has provided substantial assistance rests solely in the discretion of the U.S. Attorney and is not subject to appeal or review. The U.S. Attorney expressly reserves the right to decline to file a motion pursuant

to U.S.S.G. § 5K1.1 and 18 U.S.C. §3553(e) if Defendant violates any condition of her pretrial release, violates any of the requirements of honesty and candor detailed in paragraph 7(a) above, or engages in any criminal conduct after the date she signs this Agreement. Defendant may not withdraw her plea if the U.S. Attorney determines that Defendant has not rendered substantial assistance or if the Court refuses to grant the U.S. Attorney's motion for a downward departure.

c. Sentence Recommendation with Substantial Assistance

If Defendant provides substantial assistance, subject to all the provisions of paragraphs 7(a) and (b) above, the U.S. Attorney will advise the sentencing judge of the full nature, extent and value of the assistance provided by Defendant.

The U.S. Attorney reserves the right to recommend a particular sentence or sentencing range, or to make no recommendation at Defendant's sentencing.

d. Letter Immunity

In return for Defendant's full and truthful cooperation, the U.S. Attorney agrees not to use any information provided by Defendant pursuant to this Agreement or pursuant to the proffer letter dated April 1, 2005 (or any information directly or indirectly derived therefrom) against Defendant in any criminal case except in a prosecution (1) for perjury or obstruction of justice, or for making a false statement after the date of this Agreement; or (2) for an act of physical violence against the person of another, or conspiracy to commit any such act of violence. The U.S. Attorney reserves the right to respond fully and completely to all requests for information by the District Court and U.S. Probation Office in this case. All such disclosures, however, shall be made subject to the provisions constraining the use of this information by the District Court and U.S. Probation Office contained in U.S.S.G. § 1B1.8(a) and the commentary thereto. Notwithstanding the provisions of U.S.S.G. § 1B1.8(b)(5) and the commentary thereto, the U.S. Attorney agrees to take the position that at the time of sentencing information provided by Defendant pursuant to this Agreement should not be used either in determining where within the applicable guideline range to sentence Defendant or in determining whether, or to what extent, a departure from the Sentencing Guidelines is warranted.

If the U.S. Attorney determines that Defendant has breached

this Agreement by making any false, incomplete or misleading statement, or by providing any false, incomplete or misleading information to any law enforcement personnel, grand jury or court, the U.S. Attorney may terminate this Agreement as set forth below, and may also prosecute Defendant for any and all offenses that could be charged against her in the District of Massachusetts, including, but not limited to, false statements and perjury.

8. Court Not Bound By Agreement

The sentencing recommendations made by the parties and their respective calculations under the Sentencing Guidelines are not binding upon the U.S. Probation Office or the sentencing judge. Within the maximum sentence which Defendant faces under the applicable law, the sentence to be imposed is within the sole discretion of the sentencing judge. Defendant's plea will be tendered pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 11(c)(1)(B). Defendant may not withdraw her plea of guilty regardless of what sentence is imposed. Nor may Defendant withdraw her plea because the U.S. Probation Office or the sentencing judge declines to follow the Sentencing Guidelines calculations or recommendations of the parties. In the event that the sentencing judge declines to follow the Sentencing Guidelines calculations or recommendations of the U.S. Attorney, the U.S. Attorney reserves the right to defend the sentencing judge's calculations and sentence in any subsequent appeal or collateral challenge.

9. Information For Presentence Report

Defendant agrees to provide all information requested by the U.S. Probation Office concerning her assets.

10. Civil Liability

By entering into this Agreement, the U.S. Attorney does not compromise any civil liability, including but not limited to any tax liability, which Defendant may have incurred or may incur as a result of her conduct and her plea of guilty to the charges specified in paragraph one of this Agreement.

11. Rejection of Plea By Court

Should Defendant's guilty plea not be accepted by the Court for whatever reason, or later be withdrawn on motion of Defendant, this Agreement shall be null and void at the option of the U.S. Attorney.

12. Breach of Agreement

If the U.S. Attorney determines that Defendant has failed to comply with any provision of this Agreement, has violated any condition of her pretrial release, or has committed any crime following her execution of this Agreement, the U.S. Attorney may, at his sole option, be released from his commitments under this Agreement in their entirety by notifying Defendant, through counsel or otherwise, in writing. The U.S. Attorney may also pursue all remedies available to him under the law, irrespective of whether he elects to be released from his commitments under this Agreement. Further, the U.S. Attorney may pursue any and all charges which have been, or are to be, dismissed pursuant to this Agreement. Defendant recognizes that no such breach by her of an obligation under this Agreement shall give rise to grounds for withdrawal of her guilty plea. Defendant understands that, should she breach any provision of this agreement, the U.S. Attorney will have the right to use against Defendant before any grand jury, at any trial or hearing, or for sentencing purposes, any statements which may be made by her, and any information, materials, documents or objects which may be provided by her to the government subsequent to this Agreement, or pursuant to the proffer agreement dated April 1, 2005 without any limitation. In this regard, Defendant hereby waives any defense to any charges which she might otherwise have under any statute of limitations or the Speedy Trial Act.

13. Who Is Bound By Agreement

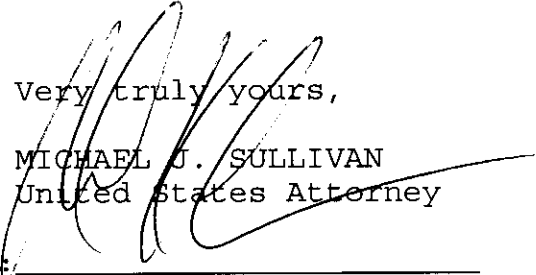
This Agreement is limited to the U.S. Attorney for the District of Massachusetts, and cannot and does not bind the Attorney General of the United States or any other federal, state or local prosecutive authorities.

14. Complete Agreement

This letter contains the complete agreement between the parties relating to the disposition of this case. No promises, representations or agreements have been made other than those set forth in this letter and in the proffer letter dated April 1, 2005. This Agreement supersedes prior understandings, if any, of the parties, whether written or oral with the sole exception of those contained in the proffer letter dated April 1, 2005. This Agreement can be modified or supplemented only in a written memorandum signed by the parties or on the record in court.

If this letter accurately reflects the Agreement between the U.S. Attorney and Defendant, please have Defendant sign the Acknowledgment of Agreement below. Please also sign below as Witness. Return the original of this letter to Assistant U.S. Attorney Susan M. Poswistilo.

Very truly yours,



MICHAEL J. SULLIVAN
United States Attorney

By: _____
MICHAEL K. LOUCKS
First Assistant U.S. Attorney

SUSAN M POSWISTILO
Assistant U.S. Attorney

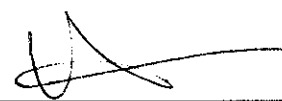
ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PLEA AGREEMENT

I have read this letter in its entirety and discussed it with my attorney. I hereby acknowledge that it fully sets forth my agreement with the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Massachusetts. I further state that no additional promises or representations have been made to me by any official of the United States in connection with this matter. I understand the crimes to which I have agreed to plead guilty, the maximum penalties for those offenses and Sentencing Guideline penalties potentially applicable to them. I am satisfied with the legal representation provided to me by my attorney. We have had sufficient time to meet and discuss my case. We have discussed the charges against me, possible defenses I might have, the terms of this Plea Agreement and whether I should go to trial. I am entering into this Agreement freely, voluntarily, and knowingly because I am guilty of the offenses to which I am pleading guilty and I believe this Agreement is in my best interest.


JENNIFER PAVAO
Defendant

Date: 4/29/05

I certify that Jennifer Pavao has read this Agreement and that we have discussed its meaning. I believe she understands the Agreement and is entering into the Agreement freely, voluntarily and knowingly.


MICHAEL ANDREWS, Esq.
Attorney for Defendant

Date: 4/29/05